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TAGS: OVIP (PRESIDENT FORD), IT, VT

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO ROME

1. IN PREPARING FOR PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO ROME JUNE 3,
DEPARTMENT NEEDS URGENTLY THE FOLLOWING FROM THE EMBASSY:

A. ANY UPDATING OF PAST REPORTING ON ITALIAN POLITICAL/
ECONOMIC SITUATION WHICH EMBASSY BELIEVES NECESSARY TO
PROVIDE PRESIDENT WITH MOST CURRENT BRIEFING POSSIBLE ON
ITALIAN AFFAIRS.

B. ISSUES WHICH THE ITALIANS MAY RAISE WITH THE PRESIDENT,
TOGETHER WITH ANY BACKGROUND MATERIAL WHICH THE EMBASSY
CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

C. ISSUES WHICH THE EMBASSY BELIEVES SHOULD BE RAISED WITH
THE ITALIANS TOGETHER WITH SUGGESTED THEMES AS TO THE
SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

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D. DRAFT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS FOR THE

PRESIDENT.

E. DRAFT TOASTS FOR THE PRESIDENT STRESSING SUCH ELEMENTS AS THE BONDS OF ALLIANCE AND FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN US AND

ITALY, HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIPS, AND PRESIDENT LEONE'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

2. IN SUBMITTING THESE MATERIALS, EMBASSY DOES NOT NEED TO FOLLOW ANY PARTICULAR FORMAT BUT ALL CONTRIBUTIONS SHOULD BE CONCISE AND TO THE POINT.

3. AS FOR THE CALL ON POPE PAUL VI, WE WILL ALSO NEED VATICAN'S POSITIONS ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH YOU BELIEVE THE POPE MAY WISH TO RAISE WITH THE PRESIDENT.

4. IN ORDER TO MEET SHORT DEADLINES FOR THE REVIEW AND CLEARANCE OF ALL BRIEFING PAPERS BEFORE THEIR SUBMISSION TO THE WHITE HOUSE, WE WILL NEED EMBASSY CONTRIBUTIONS BY OPENING OF BUSINESS WEDNESDAY, MAY 7. KISSINGER

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